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1. [ ] there was no change in the strength of the air force personnel quartered in the Weisse Stadt restricted area in Oranienburg. Air force soldiers were seen doing fatigue duties. Truck [ ] was observed leaving the northern gate of the settlement.
2. By 15 April, Oranienburg airfield had not yet been turned over by the Soviets to the Germans. Originally, this was to take place on 8 April 1954. It appeared that the taxi- and runways had not suffered major frost damage. However, a closer inspection revealed that hollows had formed at several places under the surface of the run-and taxiways. [ ] the installation of transformers was completed on 14 April. The two electricians of Bau-Union Leipzig were scheduled to remain at the field until 26 April.
3. The Hans-Schemm school in the Weisse Stadt restricted area quartered a Soviet Air Force unit of about 100 men who were under the command of a major. The guard for the airfield and for five dwelling houses in the settlement were detailed from this unit, which was equipped with seven horses and kept at least 20 pigs. Recently, the unit detached a detail of about 30 men to a unit outside Oranienburg.

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4. Between 3 and 12 April, Oranienburg airfield was unoccupied. On 7 April [ ] two electricians working on a cable terminal.

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[ ] Comment. If hollows should actually have formed in the concrete surfaces of taxi- and runways at Oranienburg airfield, this would indicate major frost damage involving the necessity of repair work. This may be the reason why the field was not turned over to the Germans on 8 April as scheduled.

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